assessment of the result of field trials and necessary modifications, the device would be considered for installation on trains, taking into account cost implications and subject to availability of funds.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c).

Purchase of Locomotives under BOLT Scheme

2104. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the purchase of 49 AC/DC locomotives under Build, Own, Lease and Transfer (BOLT) scheme would result in the outgo of funds to the tune of Rs. 811.91 crore;

(b) whether it is a fact that replacement of those locomotives under Depreciation Reserve Fund, where funds were available, have cost only Rs. 292.04 crore; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) The purchase is for 53 locomotives and not 49. In purchase of these 53 locomotives, the sum total of instalments of payments, spread over 20 years, would be Rs. 811.91 crores.

(b) It is not a fact that these locomotives are to be replaced at a cost of Rs. 292.04 crores under Depreciation Reserve Fund (DRF). Procurement of the electric locomotives whether on additional or on replacement account are only financed from capital. It had been evaluated that Railways would have ended up paying more if money was borrowed from Indian Railways Finance Corporation instead of going through the Build, Own, Lease and Transfer (BOLT) scheme.

(c) Does not arise.

Transplantation Centre in Hyderabad

2105. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Science and Technology has come forward to help in setting up a transplantation centre in Hyderabad;